

THE BRITISH COLONIST.
Tuesday Morning, Jan. 19, 1869.
TO ADVERTISERS.
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TO AGENTS.
Settlements of accounts will be required monthly, or the supply of papers will be discontinued. The daily and weekly issues will be furnished at the lowest cash rates and no exception will in future be made to this rule.
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As will be seen by our extract from the *Walla Walla Statesman*, the other day, the accounts recently published in this paper in relation to the Kootenay mines are fully confirmed. The diggings are not only rich but extensive, and would afford employment to from 5000 to 10,000 miners; a number very likely to congregate at the mines next spring. The claims, so far, have paid from \$6 to \$50 per day to the land, some even richer, and what may be subsequently discovered when the diggings are thoroughly explored, is hard to tell; very possibly a second Cariboo. Our readers may not be aware that the streams on which these mines were found flow from the southern end of the Selkirk range of mountains, of which the Big Bend mines form a portion; so that there is every reason to suppose that the whole range is more or less permeated with the precious metal. In a recent article on the Cariboo mines we pointed out the fallacy of concluding that any particular part of our mining localities were exhausted because unlucky explorers had tried their hands on them and failed. If we required a stronger instance of this than those we cited we should point to Wild Horse Creek, which was formerly the scene of very extensive mining operations, since abandoned almost entirely to Chinamen, and on which from \$30 to \$50 per day have been cleaned up very lately, proving beyond a doubt the very rich character of the ground in that vicinity. The simple fact is, that the debris forming the gravel or pay dirt in British Columbia is of different formation entirely to that found in California; the latter being of a light, friable nature and easily worked, whereas ours has nearly the consistence of cement, much better calculated to hold the precious metal, hence richer, and of a more lasting character than the Californian mines. We would ask where at this moment our mines be found that will yield to the ordinary miner \$6 to \$50 per day? We do not except the late alleged discoveries in the White Pine country, of which we have heard fabulous stories within the last few days. We are too much accustomed to the American system of exaggeration to be led away with such an old story. It is true, wily traders and whisky sellers can always make a profit out of the credulous by such golden romances, perfectly regardless of the suffering and loss of life that always occurs at these "rushes," but happily for the few in this country who would be tempted to try their luck in such reckless adventures, it is too far away, and only those will fall victims who are at present in California, as the true state of the case will soon leak out. It is far otherwise with our Kootenay mines, which have every probability of being permanently remunerative, and will ere long attract a large and permanent population to the vicinity. It now remains to be seen whether our trading and commercial men are equal to the task of contesting the field for profitable business, which these mines will throw open to those classes of our citizens. Can we have any better instruction in the art of go-aheadativeness than is displayed in the letter of the *Statesman's* correspondent? He not only shows the rich opportunity for his enterprising fellow-citizens, but he tells them that those who have gone before have actually provided the means of transit for goods and passengers across the line. We need hardly remind our readers that owing to the snail's pace in which everything is done by our people, and the want of energy on the part of our Government, the miners at Big Bend would have been absolutely starved to death had it not been for the resolute enterprise of our American neighbors, who, against the most positive assertions on the part of those in authority here, (who should have known better,) ran the steamer "49" with food to the succor of the famishing explorers. Can anyone be surprised, with such instances before his eyes that the Colony progresses so slowly, and that rich as it is in every description of wealth, we are so slightly benefitted, since we allow any stranger

to carry off the oyster and leave us but the shells! Our Government is fully apprised of the value of the Kootenay mines, an honorable member of the Legislative Council having read an extract from a letter, which we subsequently published in this journal, urging the speedy completion of the Eagle Pass road, which appears to be the easiest mode of transit for goods and passengers to the Kootenay country. That our neighbors will quickly adopt the readiest and most rapid means of supplying our Kootenay mines, no one will doubt for a moment, but that is no reason why we should not exert ourselves in the same direction, and we are fully persuaded that by the adoption of prompt and energetic measures, we can furnish the Kootenay market as cheaply as they can, if not undersell them. We have some little advantage in the tariff, and, thanks to the enterprise of our up-country merchants, we have flour mills within a distance not much greater than our neighbors, and the means of erecting them within a much shorter distance, with grain at hand to manufacture into flour. In dry goods we can certainly beat them, and in many other articles of prime necessity in the mines we should not be in the worst position. The correspondent of the *Statesman*, judging from former experience, treats our Government with supreme contempt, and predicts that Walla Walla merchants have nothing to fear from any measures taken by our authorities to enable our merchants to take their proper place at the Kootenay mines. We are of a different opinion; the amount of odium which this Government drew upon itself in relation to Big Bend and elsewhere has taught our authorities a wholesome lesson, and we are very much mistaken if the Government does not open the Eagle Pass route early in the Spring, if that is decided to be the best and cheapest mode of transit as we are led to believe it is. With an entrepot at Yale, we can transport goods cheaply and rapidly over our fine wagon road to Savanna's Ferry, thence by steamer to the head of Siuswap Lake; then by the Eagle Pass to the Columbia, where batteaux or a small steamer can convey them to within a comparatively short distance of the mines, where the difficulties of travel are not as great as those we had to contend with in the early days of Cariboo. We have had occasion frequently to deprecate the inertness of Government; so much time being occupied in bringing the official mind to comprehend the utility of any public improvement, that when thorough conviction has produced its effect, the value of the change, whatever it may be, is very much reduced. At the same time the ant critics are not so much to blame as one might imagine. Our impression is, that if the merchants and traders possessed the pluck and enterprise of our neighbors, the Government would act with more promptitude. Let our commercial men show the initiative by getting up the information as to the practicability and expense of constructing the route, with probable cost per lb of transit, and if what we have stated as to the Eagle Pass route be correct, depend upon it the Government will not lag behind. At present the information we possess in relation to the route is of the most meager and unsatisfactory character.

THE Hon. Colonial Secretary yesterday brought down the Estimates for 1869. The showing is more favorable than we had dared to hope. The estimated expenditure for 1868 was \$576,000. In his speech (which was most able) Mr Young stated that the revenue for the same year as far as known, was \$574,430; and returns from the interior yet to come in would, he thought, increase this amount to a figure in excess of the expenditure, and leave a surplus. During 1868 a saving of about \$4000 had been effected in establishments, and no increase of taxation is contemplated. Good news, indeed. The amount asked for the present fiscal year is \$592,965 50 (only \$16,000 in excess of the sum voted in 1868) about \$100,000 of which amount will go to the repair and construction of roads and bridges, and in forwarding the cause of free education, hospital relief and other beneficial objects. Now, while we believe the Government could and ought to be administered for a figure \$100,000 less than the estimated expenditure of the current year, we feel so thankful to know that our downward course has been arrested, that at present we are indisposed to cavil at the details. A fine garment has cer-

tainly been made out of very soant materials. We congratulate the Government and Mr Young upon the favorable showing, and trust that with continued reductions a figure may next year be reached in our expenditure that will satisfy the most prudent political economist in the Colony.

The Estimates.
ABSTRACT OF THE PROBABLE REVENUE OF THE COLONIAL GOVERNMENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, FOR THE YEAR 1869, showing also the Revenue received under the similar heads in the Year 1867, being the Year previous to that in which the Estimates are prepared.

1869.	1867.
Customs.....	\$270,002 02
Port and Harbor dues.....	59,522 86
Roads Tolls.....	738 75
Excise Duties.....	3,496 00
Land Sales.....	3,865 56
Land Revenue.....	1,954 73
Rents, exclusive of Land.....	12,000 00
Free Mineral Certificates.....	13,645 00
Mining Receipts, General.....	22,208 13
Licenses.....	53,500 27
Postage.....	12,704 00
Fines, Forfeitures, Fees of Court.....	8,141 19
Fees of Officers.....	7,865 03
Sale of Government Property.....	1,403 44
Reimbursement in aid of Ex-	
penses incurred by Govern-	
ment.....	8,582 90
Miscellaneous Receipts.....	188 83
Interest.....	2,616 02
Arrears, Vancouver Island.....	12,171 85
Total.....	\$483,105 40

ABSTRACT OF THE SUMS REQUIRED TO defray the Expenses of the Colonial Government of British Columbia for the Year from 1st January to the 31st of December, 1869, showing also the amount actually expended in the year previous to that in which the Estimates are prepared, viz., 1867.

1869.	1867.
Salaries—Fixed Estab-	\$150,203
lishments.....	1,600
Allowances.....	100
Office Contingencies.....	\$152,708 00
Pensions, Retired Allowances and	
Gratuities.....	3,395 00
Revenue Services, exclusive of	
Establishments.....	1,346 90
Administration of Justice.....	5,299 97
Charitable Allowances.....	19,500 00
Education, exclusive of Establish-	
ments.....	5,064 18
Police and Gaols.....	19,705 31
Rent.....	1,210 70
Transport.....	8,126 57
Conveyance of Mails.....	30,025 44
Works and Buildings.....	7,844 26
Roads, Streets and Bridges.....	26,841 32
Miscellaneous Services.....	16,390 22
Interest.....	98,914 89
Drawbacks and Refund of Duties.....	2,055 87
Redemption of Bonds.....	2,145 00
Sinking Fund.....	50,197 50
Temporary Loans.....	55,269 77
Government Vessels.....	10,000 00
Lighthouses.....	9,037 49
Deposits.....	9,481 27
Total.....	\$592,965 50

New Advertisements.
N. V. LANGE,
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
PORTLAND, OREGON.
TAKES THE LIBERTY OF INFORM-
ing his friends in Victoria and Cariboo that he is
ready to send them Oregon Produce as they may re-
quire at the LOWEST PRICES; and will sell upon Com-
mission all the goods they may send him. ja19

Dissolution of Partnership.
THE PARTNERSHIP HERETO-
fore existing between Henry Smith and William
Tyler, carrying on business as Milkmen and Dairymen,
at Fairfield Farm Dairy, was on the second day of Janu-
ary last, dissolved by mutual consent. Henry Smith
will pay all liabilities and collect all outstanding debts,
and will carry on the business on his own account.
Signed,
Witness—John Staples Smith, WILLIAM TYLER.
Victoria, Jan. 2, 1869. ja15

The Re-Opening
OF THE
MECHANICS' LITERARY INSTITUTE
WILL TAKE PLACE ON
Wednesday Evening, Jan. 20,
At the NEW HALL, when there will be a
SOIREE,
To commence at 8 o'clock,
Free to the Subscribers. Non subscribers will be charged
50 cents admittance. ja16

THE STEAMSHIP
GEO. S. WRIGHT,
HENRY LANGDON, Master,
WILL LEAVE VICTORIA
FOR OLYMPIA AND WAY PORTS
ON MONDAY, 18th instant.
AT TEN O'CLOCK.
For Freight or Passage apply ON BOARD.
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GRAND BALL
OF THE
Tiger Engine Company.
Under the distinguished patronage of
HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR
AND
Admiral Hastings, C. B.
A Grand Ball will be given by the above Company
On Tuesday Evening, Jan. 19th, 1869,
AT THE
ALHAMBRA HALL.
COMMITTEE:
W. P. Farron, Jas Orr,
F. Harris, J. Vogel.
Tickets may be had from the Committee.
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Caledonian Benevolent Association
BURNS' ANNIVERSARY
THE ANNUAL DINNER
Of the above Association will take place in the
ST. NICHOLAS HALL,
On January 25th,
AT HALF-PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK.
Tickets may be had from Thomas Russell, Grocer;
Thos. Gorrie, John G. McKay, James Orr, James Strachan
and T. N. Hibdon & Co. ja16

New Advertisements.
Ex Clara Light.
GRELLEY & FITERRE
Inform the public that they have received a large assort-
ment of
Fine Goods
Consisting of:
Napoleon's Cabinet Champagne Wine
Bouche " " "
Gold Medal Dry
Very superior Sherry Wine, in case
Freller Claret
Viscount de Luz Claret, in case
ANGOSTURA BITTERS, in case
Boonekamp Bitters, in qr cks, &c., &c.
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The New Clothing Store.
ADAMS & BEAVEN,
HATTERS AND CLOTHIERS,
GOVERNMENT STREET,
CONTINUE TO SELL
The Latest Styles
OF
English and American Men's and
Boys'
Ready-made Clothing,
UNDERCLOTHING,
HOSIERY,
HATS AND CAPS,
At Remarkably LOW Prices!
Our motto is "Small Profits and Quick Returns."
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Fellows, Roscoe & Co.
OFFER FOR SALE,
IN AND OUT OF BOND,
Ex "PRINCE VICTOR" and other recent
arrivals from England.
Sauce, Worcestershire, "Lea & Perrin's,"
Pickles, "Morton's," 45 cases
Candles, Price's Belmont, 150 bxs, 25 lbs.
Matches, Wood and Wax.
Sardines, in qr and hlf, in tins, 50 cases.
Looking Glasses, assorted sizes.
Leather, French Calf, a large assortment,
sold in any quantities.
Lined Oil and Paints.
Paper Hangings, a large assortment,
about 600 rolls in a case.
Glassware—Cut and Pressed, Bar Tum-
blers, Wines, &c.
Shoe and Saddler's Thread, "Barbour's."
Twine, assorted kinds and colors.
Pick Steel, Sanderson's & Naylor's, 12
cases, assorted sizes.
Swedish Iron, assorted sizes.
Tin Plates, a full assortment.
Zinc, 18 cases, assorted sizes.
R. G. and Common Sheet, Bar and Hoop
Iron, all sizes.
A Full Assortment always on hand at the
Store, of English and American Hardware
and other Staple Goods, Electro-Plated
Ware and Cutlery. ja8

Agents for ROSE'S PATENT TIRE
UPSETTER.
MRS. WILSON BROWN'S SCHOOL
WILL RE-OPEN
On Friday, the 15th instant.
Victoria, Jan. 7, 1869. ja9 2w

Collegiate School.
VISITOR:
The Lord Bishop of Columbia.
PRINCIPAL:
The Rev. Frank B. Gribbell.
VICE PRINCIPAL:
C. N. Young, Esq.
FRENCH MASTER:
Mr. L. LeLievre.
DRILL MASTER:
Gordon Vintar, Esq.
TERMS—\$4 Per Month.
Term commences Jan. 18, 1869. For particulars apply
to the Rev. THE PRINCIPAL.
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MR. LYNDON LELIEVRE BEGS TO
announce that he intends opening an EVENING
COMMERCIAL CLASS on Wednesday the 6th January
next, in the room next Mr. Heisterman's office, Langley
street.
The course will comprise English writing, arithmetic
and book keeping, and the class will open every evening
at 7 p.m., Sat. nights excepted.
Mr. L. L. has been appointed Professor of the French
language at the Collegiate School, and will give lessons
in that language, three times a week at his evening class.
Terms for the Commercial Class, \$2 50 per month.
French " " 50 "
Payable in advance.
French Class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday even-
ings.
Mr. LeLievre having a few hours to spare in the after-
noon, would be glad to give French lessons to two or two
private pupils at their homes. ja1

BUSINESS CARDS,
Bill & Letter Heads,
NEW STYLES.
AT THE
COLONIST JOB OFFICE
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Scotch House.
A. M'LEAN & CO.
Beg to intimate that their STOCK is now Complete, with a
LARGE AND CHOICE ASSORTMENT OF
Clothing, Underclothing, Hosiery,
GLOVES & HATS of every Description.
—ALSO,—
BOYS' CLOTHING AND UNDERCLOTHING.
All of which are Imported direct, and which they offer remarkably Cheap.
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THE
HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY
OFFER
FOR SALE
AT THEIR
NEW WAREHOUSES,
ON
ESQUIMALT HARBOUR.
IN BOND OR DUTY PAID:
WINES, SPIRITS AND MALT LIQUORS.
Ale—Bass', in case, 4 and 6 doz quarts
do do 6 and 8 doz pints
Brandy—Hennessy's pale, in bbls and qr
casks
Martell's pale, in bbls & qr cks
Hennessy and Martell pale, in
1 doz cases
Gin—Swaine, Boord & Co's Old Tom, in
case and cask
Holland and Geneva, in bbls
Porter—Byass', in cases, 4 and 6 doz qts
do do 6 and 8 doz pts
Rum—In puncheons
Whiskey—Islay Malt, in bbls & qr cks
Wine—Fite and ordinary pale Sherry, in
qr casks and cases
Fine and ordinary Old Port do
PROVISIONS AND OILMAN'S STORES.
A Fresh and Choice Assortment,
EX PRINCESS ROYAL, FROM LONDON.
Tea—Fine Congon, in chests and hf chests
Fine Hyson, in hf chests
Sugar—English crushed and loaf
Cheese—North Wilts and English Hams
Pickles—Crosse & Blackwell's, qts & pts
SAUCES—Lea & Perrin's, and assorted
Jams and Jellies, Pie Fruits and Marma-
lade, Currants, Raisins, Almonds and
Candied Peels, Spices, Florence Oil,
Mustard, Table Salt, Pearl Barley,
Patent Groats, Split Peas, Vinegar,
Best Malt and Limejuice.
NAVAL STORES.
Canvas—Assorted, Nos. 1 to 7
Yellow Sheathing, Metal and Composition
Nails.
Manilla and Tarred Rope, assorted sizes
Sail Twine, Oakum, Pitch and Tar
Marline Cotton—waste Bunting and En-
signs
White Lead Paint, Boiled and Raw Lin-
seed Oil
ALSO,
Candles—3000 boxes, Price & Co's
Belmont Sperm, in 20lb boxes
Soap—Castile, Mottled and Yellow
Starch—Glenfield and Poland Stone Blue
Shot—Assorted sizes
Gunpowder—Kegs Blasting

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PER
"PRINCE OF WALES," FROM LONDON:
DUE IN FEBRUARY NEXT,
Sherry and Claret Wines, Hennessy and U. V. Co. Brandy;
Irish Whiskey, Byass' Porter, Old Tom Gin, in cases;
Gunny Bags and Heavy Grain Sacks, Washing Soda, Cement;
50 tons coarse Liverpool Salt;
10 tons fine dairy Salt;
40 tons No. 1 Scotch Pig Iron;
30 tons No. 3 do do do. ja1

To Visitors from California, Oregon,
the Sound, &c.
AT
VICTORIA HOUSE,
CORNER OF FORT AND DOUGLAS STREETS,
VICTORIA, V.I.
Will always be found a Large and Choice Assortment of
Dress Goods, Mantles, Millinery, Flowers, Laces, &c
At very Moderate Prices, and of the Latest Styles.
The Goods being Imported from Europe by Express Monthly.
The usual Assortment of Staple Goods, such as:
White and Printed Calicoes, Flannels, Linens, Blankets, Ticking, &c., &c., also on
Hand in Great Variety.
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REAL ESTATE AGENT
Government street, near corner of Broughton
WILL PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION
to selling, purchasing and leasing property; to ne-
gotiating loans and transacting everything connected
with Real Estate business.
Maps of all the different Districts on the Island may be
seen at his office. Parties desirous of purchasing home-
steads, or making investments, will find on his Bulletin
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Gardening Land in every District, some of which afford
rare chances for investment.
Money on bond and mortgage on loan, in sums to suit
the demands.
Conveyances of every description done at reasonable
rates. ja14 1m

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Corner of Johnson & Waddington streets.
EVERY DESCRIPTION OF FRESH
MEAT, of the best quality, constantly on hand, at
Prices to suit the times.
Also, a Fine Assortment of
Sugar-Cured Hams, Breakfast Bacon
and Smoked Tongues, &c.,
Of our own Curing this Season, great care having been
taken to make them the best in the Market.
Also, a daily supply of FRESH VEGETABLES.
JOHN MURRAY.
Victoria, Nov. 24th, 1868. de25

